



The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts

The Tolland Tattler

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State and Presidential Election on Tuesday, November 2, 2004

Polls will be open 7am until 8pm. Remember, no political campaigning within 150' of the polls and that includes wearing campaign tee shirts, buttons, etc. into the polls. If you forget, at check-in you will be asked to remove them or cover them up until you exit the polls.

Requesting an Absentee Ballot:

The forms for requesting absentee ballots are here at the Town Hall and are available on the Town Website. You may call and request one or stop in and pick one up. This form must be filled out and returned to me. As soon as I receive them I will mail out your absentee ballot. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is 12:00 noon, November 1, 2004. Absentee ballots must be returned by the close of polls on Election Day, which is 8pm on Tuesday November 2, 2004. Reminder: You can always check our Town website www.tolland-ma.gov for up-to-date information and voter registration and absentee ballot request forms.

Ballot Vote on November 20, 2004

There is a Ballot Vote scheduled for Saturday, November 20, 2004. The polls will be open from 10am to 2pm on that day. The last day to register to vote for 11/20/04 will be November 1st. The Town Hall will be open for registration until 8pm on that day.

Those of you who have checked off "for all elections" on your request for absentee ballot forms will be receiving a ballot for this also. Again, request for absentee ballot requests will be available at the Town Hall as mentioned above. The deadline for requesting the ballot is Friday November 19, at noon.

Any questions, give me a call. *Sue Voudren, Town Clerk*

Family Bingo Night

Saturday November 13 at 7:00pm

at the Tolland Town Hall.

All are welcome - come and have fun with friend

Christmas Carol Sing

Bring your family to the Carol sing on the Tolland Green and enjoy the warmth of friends at the library after the sing. Hot chocolate and goodies will be served.

note: bring a flashlight.

Sunday, December 19 at 5:00 pm.

Join in on an old fashioned

Cookie Swap

Tuesday December 21 at 7:00pm

at Kathy Bonadies' house.

We have always had a great time at the swap and the cookies are good, too!

Questions: contact Shirley at 258-4255 or any Womens' Club member.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of Tolland Planning & Zoning Board, acting as Special Permit Granting Authority, will conduct a public Hearing at 7:00pm on Monday, November 15, 2004, to receive public commentary relating to a Special Permit Application by David Pickhardt at his property at 221 Moreau Road, Assessors Map 101, Lot 5, to enlarge a preexisting non-conforming shed, after the fact.

Stephen McAlister
Chairman, Tolland Planning & Zoning Board

Update on Zoning Bylaw Review Committee Progress

The Zoning Bylaw Review Committee has been working for almost 16 months reviewing the current Town of Tolland Zoning Bylaw that was adopted in 1978. Some things have changed in the Massachusetts General Law relating to zoning (Chapter 40A) and our Bylaw must incorporate them. New needs have emerged within Tolland related to growth, population demographics and future possibilities. The Committee consisting of Susan Voudren, Gert McKay, Kathy Bonadies, Jeff Parrette, Eric Munson, Jr., Jim Joyce and Chair, Gloria Gery want to provide a quick status update.

Status: Review of all the major existing bylaw revisions is complete and proposed revisions drafted to improve clarity, add requirements where we believe it is desirable, and remove obsolete provisions. These sections are under review by Town Counsel Thomas Locke. Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members have been involved in discussions and section review. The Table of Land Use has been updated with some changes proposed. When you receive the proposed draft, changes will be clearly identified for your consideration.

New sections have been drafted in the following General Regulations and are under review by the Town Counsel.

- Recommendation to permit Accessory Apartments in owner-occupied dwellings under defined circumstances
- Clarification and expansion of Home Occupation requirements
- Significant clarification to the Enforcement section
- Driveways

We are exploring various development alternatives and will be seeking citizen input at a discussion meeting to be held on January 4, 2005. The December Tattler will contain a summary of the alternatives for discussion. Managing the growth of our town and preserving its character is critical. We know you will help us evaluate alternatives and determine whether and how we should recommend changes to the Bylaw.

Schedule: The following schedule appears reasonable at this time, but it could be changed by a month or two depending on results of various meetings and citizen feedback.

January 4, 2005: 7:00 p.m. Tolland Town Hall.

Meeting to discuss development alternatives. Depending on the outcome of that town discussion we will either draft new bylaw provisions or stop consideration of them.

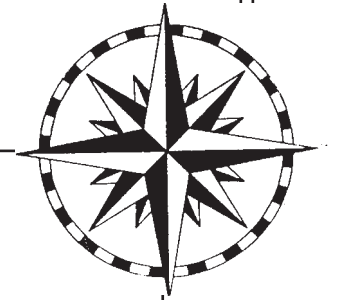
February – March 2005: Publication of draft revisions for review by citizens and feedback to Committee members. Notice will be in the Tattler. Copies of the draft will be available online at www.tolland-ma.gov <<http://www.tolland-ma.gov>> and at Town Hall and the Tolland Public Library. Input is welcome from both seasonal and full-time residents.

April 2005: Final Drafting

May 2005: Public Hearing on Proposed Changes at Town Meetings and making revisions resulting from Hearing feedback.

July 2005: Town Vote on proposed Bylaw at Town meeting by full-time residents.

Tolland Weather



TOLLAND WEATHER

Prepared by Steve Strinie

Period: September 18 to October 17, 2004

Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level.

Temperature:	High - 79 degrees F. on Sept. 23 at 3:00pm Low - 33 degrees F. on Oct. 6 at 3:00am
Humidity:	Maximum - 100% several times Minimum - 14% on Oct. 13 at 2:00pm
Dewpoint:	Maximum - 64 degrees on Sept. 25 at 7:00pm Minimum - 14 degrees on Oct. 13 at 2:00pm
Barometric Pressure:	Maximum - 30.43" on Oct. 6 at 9:00am Minimum - 29.36" on Oct 16 at 2:00am
Wind Speed:	32 mph Northwest on Oct. 12 at 2:00pm
Wind Chill:	21 degrees on Oct. 13 at 6:00am
Total Rain Fall	4.31 inches

From State Senator Michael Knapik

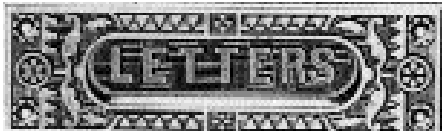
Westfield- State Senator Michael R. Knapik (R-Westfield) announced he will hold office hours in his district during the week of November 22, 2004.

Knapik or his staff will be available on Monday, November 22, from 11:30 am-12:15 pm at the Tolland Town Hall.

ROCK - A - THON

The Granville-Tolland Citizen Scholarship will be sponsoring a rock -a- thon during the night of December 3rd 2004 at the Tolland Town Hall. Hours are from 7:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M. Any child grades 5-12 can help raise funds for the scholarship by collecting pledges from relatives, friends, neighbors etc. and then spend the night "rocking"(bring your rocking chair). So plan to come and have fun with your friends watching movies, playing cards, listening to c.d.s, eating munchies, etc., while you rock the night away. More info will be coming so mark your calendars now and save the date. This will count towards your community service.

We are also looking for people with trucks to help these kids with getting their rockers to and from Town Hall , or anyone who may have some extra rockers these kids may borrow for the evening. Coordinators and chaperones for the evening are Cindy Saulenas 269-9965 and Joanne Simeone 258-3312.



to the Editor

Letters to the editor should be typed, signed, and received by the 20th of the month deadline for insertion in the following months newsletter..

October 20, 2004
Tolland Town Residents

Dear Residents:

The Town of Tolland is always in search of people willing to volunteer to improve the quality of life for town residents. In the last few issues of the Tolland Tattler, our Fire Department was seeking people to volunteer. We can always use good people to serve our town, and when an individual comes forward with strong qualifications, it is quite disturbing to learn that they might be turned away. Recently, Wes Greene came forward to volunteer for the Tolland Fire Department and was turned away by our Fire Department.

Why would the Tolland Fire Department turn away Wes Greene, a 17 year volunteer who works fulltime in Tolland? Wes is trained to operate all fire department equipment, and has 17 years of training in first aid, and is an experienced first responder on emergency calls. It appears that Wes Greene was turned away due to a personal vendetta that could jeopardize the safety of residents in this town. It really concerns me that one person could influence others to make decisions that have safety ramifications for the whole town. This action sends an alarming message to any resident who might consider volunteering to serve our town. Volunteers are essential to our Town. Tolland needs people like Wes Greene to volunteer. Everyone who is willing to serve our town should be encouraged and welcomed, not turned away due to a personal politics. Town Residents should openly question those who govern our town as to why we would turn away qualified volunteers? Should personal politics really be allowed to affect our safety?

Sincerely,
David Barney
Concerned Resident

Letter to Tolland's Residents:

At a recent meeting of Tolland's Firemen a request for reinstatement as a fireman by Wesley Green was turned down. I think it is clear to everyone concerned that Wes's qualifications were not an issue, in fact his long prior service and extensive training make him very well qualified. Seems like the rejection was based on a firehouse practice of "Blackballing", a practice that is not good for the fire fighting abilities of the department or for the community. Please, will the members reconsider?

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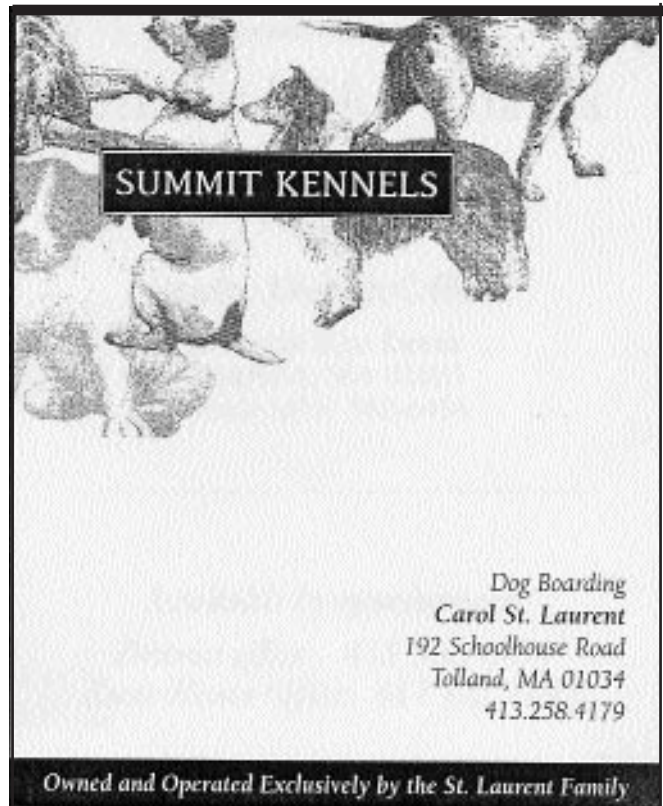
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With Best Wishes from...

Senator Mike Knapik

2nd Hampden & Hampshire District

Senate District Office:

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Phone (413) 562-6454

Paid for by the Knapik Committee, Richard E. Onofrey, Jr., Treasurer, 45 Ridgecrest Drive, Westfield, MA 01085

THE NEW BOSTON INN



At the junction of Routes 8 & 57 in Sandisfield, Mass. 01255

New Owner Barbara Colorio

invites you to Lunch and Dinner

- *Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday - noon to 8 pm*
 - *Friday and Saturday - noon to 9pm*
 - *Dinner specials served nightly after 4pm*

Reservations appreciated - Call 258-4477

Town Hall Hours:

Mon. & Tues. - 8:00am to 4:00pm

Town Clerk's and Assessor Clerk's hours:

Mon. - 1:00-4:00 -Evenings by
appointment.

NOVEMBER 2004



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Last day to Reg. to Vote for Nov. 20th 2-4pm and 7-8pm	2 Federal and State Elections Polls open 7am until 8pm	3 Finance Comm Meeting-6pm Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing-7pm 5-7:00pm DUMP	4	5	6 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
7 3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP	8 5 - 6pm Building Insp. 6- Selectmen 7:00pm Special Town Mtg.- School Building	9	10 6:00pm Finance Committee 5-7pm DUMP	11 Veterans" Day	12	13 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
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28 3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP	29 5 - 6pm Building Insp. 6:00 pm Selectmen	30	Library Hours: Mon. 3:00pm - 8:30pm Thurs. 11:00am - 4:00pm Sat. 10:00am -12:00pm			

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